

THE TOKEN HUNTER



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NEXT MEETING

The meeting Thursday will feature a speaker by the name of Norm Johnson. Mr. Johnson is considered an expert on early Utah Script. John Sroka (our President) has heard Mr. Johnson speak before and says he is an excellent speaker. He will have some of his script exhibits at the meeting and will also discuss what to look for in counterfeits. We hope to see many of you at the next meeting to hear Mr. Johnson.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Two months ago I wrote some of my opinions about Saloon tokens. I was not trying to say that I thought they were a bad investment or not worth collecting. Also, I was not trying to make the impression that Co-op tokens, which I personally collect, are better. We should collect what we enjoy, whether it be Indian head pennies, Idaho bottles, or Mormon money. Collectables are considered good investments if held for long periods of time. Probably Saloon tokens will be worth more in the long run than Co-op tokens simply because they tend to be rarer merchant for merchant - usually one issue per Saloon. I wish to apologize to any Saloon or would-be Saloon collector who thought I was "putting down" collecting Saloon tokens. That was not my intent.

I would hope that all club members would support us in our next club meeting by being present. We will be nominating next years' officers. Remember it is your club!

During the board meeting, which is held each month after the normal club meetings, we discussed rewarding club members who are trying to bring new people into the club. It was decided that starting this

month, we would reward each club member who bring a non-club member, who has not been to one of our meeting before, with a silver dime. That could amount to twelve silver dimes a year.

In our last meeting we heard from Harry Campbell about his third edition of CAMPBELL'S TOKENS OF UTAH. He impressed upon us that his book is not meant to be a complete work on Utah trade tokens, but the history was as complete as possible. He mentioned that he has other works in mind. I feel that it is important to support anyone who is writing a book on our hobby for one simple reason - a new book brings new people into the hobby. Some would disagree with this because they want to keep people unaware of the value of trade tokens, or they do not want anymore competition. Those reasons do not even sound American to me. Enough said.

I would plead with members of our club to inform others that there is a book available, that there is a club for them to go to, that there are coin dealers that buy and sell trade tokens, and that you are willing to help them in any way with this hobby. I would plead with you not be selfish, but to give of your time and knowledge, both to the club and individuals who show interest.

GLEN'S CORNER

By Glen Sidwell

Once again the cold weather is beginning to set in, (in Salt Lake anyway) and metal detecting days are getting shorter and shorter and soon everyone will be getting cabin fever.

Fortunately winters in St George are very mild and it rarely snows in this part of Utah. This will be the first winter I am actually looking forward to in my life.

Some members of the club and a few non-members from the St. George area were in Frisco a couple of weekends ago to relax and do some token and relic hunting. Would you believe about 20 tokens and coins were found including some more MJ Taylor, JO McIntoch from Milford, Fort Douglas Canteen and an unidentified piece.

A couple of bottles were located including a nice pottery ale by Bryan Moulton. A nice Hemingray insulator was found on top of the ground also. If you did not make it, you missed a real fun trip, just ask the pig that had three legs.

While visiting a local antique store I managed to pick up a couple of items from the United Cigar Stores Company. This company had several outlets in Utah. In Harry Campbell's book he mentions the smaller variety in which five are equal to one certificate. The two larger ones are equal to 1/2 certificate and 1/4 certificate. The 1/2 certificate is in light blue paper with dark blue printing while the United Cigar shields are in red.

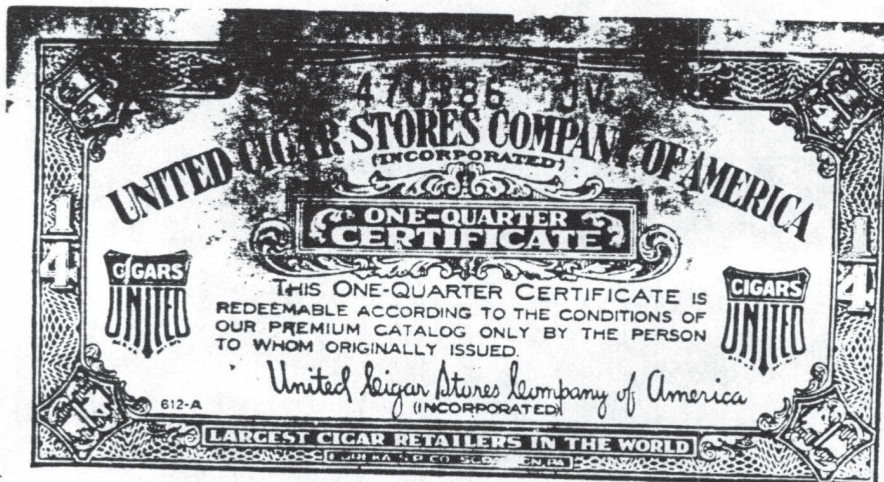
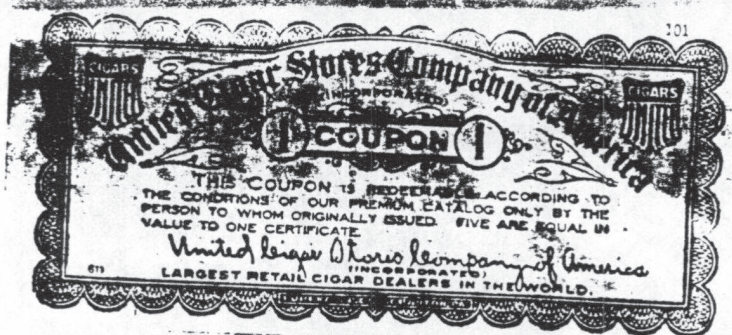
The 1/4 certificate is in light paper with black print and the shields are in red. If you have any other information on the United Cigar Stores Company, please let me know.

I also came across the enclosed (on the following page) good for coupon from West Press in St. George. They just opened this summer in St. George. I told the Manager about the token society and asked if he had anymore of these coupons for the members of the club. He had about 60 left, I hope this is enough for one for each member of the club. He also gave me two copies of the first variety that he produced, which is much more colorful than the second variety. I have included a copy of the first variety that he produced, which is much more colorful than the second variety. I have included a copy of the first in the Token Hunter. I believe the two copies of the 1st variety are all that he had left.

Till next month....

-Glen





MISSING NEWS

During the past few months, we have been getting reports that some of you had not been getting your newsletters. It had been a mystery to us because we had always sent out the Token Hunter to everyone we had on the mailing list.

Finally we have found out what the problem was. The good old U.S. Post office was sending them to Frank Sommer's home. The post office was turning the newsletters over, (even though it had an address, return address, and a stamp on the front, the post office was sending them to the mailing address on the back.

Frank Sommers was getting several Token Hunters returned to his home. He was putting another stamp on them and sending them on.

This really irritates me. It just goes on to prove that people are not interested in doing the job right, they are working their hours and getting paid a higher than minimum wage, but what do they care. Anyone could look and see that you don't send a letter to the address on the back of an envelope. (And they want more money now and they aren't doing the job right now).

I apologize to anyone who did not get their newsletters. I am going to see the Postmaster and show him what intelligent employees he has working for the U.S. Post office. In my opinion, as with any job, if you can't do the job right, don't do it. If you don't like your job, quit! There are plenty of people out there who are eager to work.

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